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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

TED NUNEZ, JR., Individually and on behalf of | Case No: all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

IMPAX LABORATORIES, INC., FRED WILKINSON, BRYAN M. REASONS, AND LARRY HSU,

Defendants.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff Ted Nunez, Jr. ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated, by Plaintiff's undersigned attorneys, for Plaintiff's complaint against Defendants (defined below), alleges the following based upon personal knowledge as to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's own acts, and information and belief as to all other matters, based upon, inter alia, the investigation conducted by and through Plaintiff's attorneys, which included, among other things, a review of the defendants' public documents, conference calls and announcements made by defendants, United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings, wire and press releases published by and regarding Impax Laboratories, Inc. ("Impax" or the "Company"), analysts' reports and advisories about the Company, and information readily obtainable on the Internet. Plaintiff believes that substantial evidentiary support will exist for the allegations set forth herein after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is a federal securities class action on behalf of a class consisting of all persons other than Defendants who purchased or otherwise acquired Impax securities between February 25, 2014 and November 3, 2016, both dates inclusive (the "Class Period"). Plaintiff seeks to recover compensable damages caused by Defendants' violations of the federal securities laws and to pursue remedies under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. The claims asserted herein arise under and pursuant to §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §§78j(b) and §78t(a)) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC (17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5).
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under 28 U.S.C. §1331 and §27 of the Exchange Act.
- 4. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to §27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §78aa) and 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) as Defendants conduct business and has offices and facilities in this district, and a significant portion of the Defendants' actions, and the subsequent damages, took place within this District.
- 5. In connection with the acts, conduct and other wrongs alleged in this Complaint, Defendants, directly or indirectly, used the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, including but not limited to, the United States mail, interstate telephone communications and the facilities of the national securities exchange.

#### **PARTIES**

6. Plaintiff, as set forth in the accompanying Certification, purchased Impax securities at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period and was damaged upon the revelation of the alleged corrective disclosure.

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- 7. Defendant Impax is a specialty pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures, and markets bioequivalent pharmaceutical products. It operates in two segments, Impax Generics and Impax Specialty Pharma. Impax is a Delaware corporation with offices and facilities located in Middlesex, New Jersey and Bridgewater, New Jersey. Impax securities are traded on NASDAQ under the ticker symbol "IPXL."
- 8. Defendant Fred Wilkinson ("Wilkinson") has served as the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and President of the Company since April 21, 2014 through the end of the Class Period.
- 9. Defendant Bryan M. Reasons ("Reasons") has served as the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of the Company throughout the Class Period.
- 10. Defendant Larry Hsu ("Hsu") served as CEO of the Company from the beginning of the Class Period until April 21, 2014.
- 11. Defendants Wilkinson, Reasons, and Hsu are sometimes referred to herein as the "Individual Defendants."
  - 12. Each of the Individual Defendants:
  - (a) directly participated in the management of the Company;
  - (b) was directly involved in the day-to-day operations of the Company at the highest levels;
  - (c) was privy to confidential proprietary information concerning the Company and its business and operations;
  - (d) was directly or indirectly involved in drafting, producing, reviewing and/or disseminating the false and misleading statements and information alleged herein;
  - (e) was directly or indirectly involved in the oversight or implementation of the Company's internal controls;
  - (f) was aware of or recklessly disregarded the fact that the false and misleading statements were being issued concerning the Company; and/or
  - (g) approved or ratified these statements in violation of the federal securities laws.

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- 13. The Company is liable for the acts of the Individual Defendants and its employees under the doctrine of *respondeat superior* and common law principles of agency because all of the wrongful acts complained of herein were carried out within the scope of their employment.
- 14. The scienter of the Individual Defendants and other employees and agents of the Company is similarly imputed to the Company under *respondent superior* and agency principles.
- 15. The Company and the Individual Defendants are referred to herein, collectively, as the "Defendants."

#### SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

## **Materially False and Misleading Statements**

- 16. On February 25, 2014, the Company filed a Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 (the "2013 10-K") with the SEC which provided the Company's year-end financial results and stated that the Company's internal control over financial reporting were effective as of December 31, 2013. The 2013 10-K was signed by Defendants Hsu and Reasons.
- 17. The 2013 10-K also contained signed certifications pursuant to Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("SOX") by Defendants Hsu and Reasons attesting the accuracy of financial reporting, the disclosure of any material changes to the Company's internal control over financial reporting, and the disclosure of all fraud.
- 18. The 2013 10-K discussed Impax's competition and marketing, stating in relevant part:

## Competition

The pharmaceutical industry is highly competitive and is affected by new technologies, new developments, government regulations, health care legislation, availability of financing, and other factors. Many of our competitors have longer operating histories and substantially greater financial, research and development, marketing, and other resources than we have. We compete with numerous other companies that currently operate, or intend to operate, in the pharmaceutical industry, including companies that are engaged in the development of controlled-release drug delivery technologies and products, and other manufacturers that may decide to undertake development of such products. Our principal competitors in the generic pharmaceutical products market are Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Actavis plc., Mylan Inc., Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd., Lannett Company, Inc., Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc.

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Due to our focus on relatively hard to replicate controlled-release products, competition in the generic pharmaceutical market is sometimes limited to those competitors who possess the appropriate drug delivery technology. The principal competitive factors in the generic pharmaceutical market are:

- the ability to introduce generic versions of products promptly after a patent expires;
- price;
- product quality;
- customer service (including maintenance of inventories for timely delivery); and
- the ability to identify and market niche products.

In the brand-name pharmaceutical market, we are not currently marketing any internally developed products. However, if we obtain FDA approval for, and start marketing, our own CNS brand-name pharmaceuticals, we expect that competition will be limited to large pharmaceutical companies, other drug delivery companies, and other specialty pharmaceutical companies that have focused on CNS disorders.

A description of the competition we face from brand-name and generic pharmaceutical companies is included in "Item 1A. Risk Factors".

### **Sales and Marketing**

We market and sell our generic pharmaceutical prescription drug products within the continental United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. We have not made sales in any other jurisdictions over the last three fiscal years. We derive a substantial portion of our revenue from sales to a limited number of customers. The customer base for our products consists primarily of drug wholesalers, warehousing chain drug stores, mass merchandisers, and mail-order pharmacies. We market our products both directly, through our Global Division, and indirectly through our Rx Partner and OTC Partner alliance and collaboration agreements. Together, our five major customers, McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Amerisource-Bergen, CVS Caremark Corporation and Medco Health Solutions, accounted for 81% of our gross revenue for the year ended December 31, 2013. These five customers individually accounted for 31%, 25%, 20%, 3% and 2%, respectively, of our gross revenue for the year ended December 31, 2013. We do not have long-term contracts in effect with our five major customers. A reduction in or loss of business with any one of these customers, or any failure of a customer to pay us on a timely basis, would adversely affect our business.

With respect to our branded pharmaceutical products, we began marketing Impax-labeled Zomig® products during the year ended December 31, 2012 pursuant to the terms of the AZ Agreement through our specialty sales force.

- 19. The statements referenced in ¶16-18 above were materially false and/or misleading because they misrepresented and failed to disclose the following adverse facts pertaining to the Company's business, operational and financial results, which were known to Defendants or recklessly disregarded by them. Specifically, Defendants made false and/or misleading statements and/or failed to disclose that: (1) Impax was engaging and/or had engaged in conduct that would cause the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") and the Connecticut Attorney General ("CT Attorney General") to conduct extensive investigations of possible collusion of generic drug pricing; (2) Impax received two subpoenas one from the DOJ and another from the CT Attorney General which sought documents relating to violations of the federal and state antitrust laws; (3) the DOJ investigation and the underlying conduct was likely to result in criminal charges against Impax, and possibly its officers and directors, for collusion of generic drug pricing; (4) Impax lacked effective internal controls over financial reporting; and (5) as a result, Defendants' public statements were materially false and misleading at all relevant times.
- 20. On August 6, 2014, the Company filed a Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014 (the "2Q14 10-Q") with the SEC. The 2Q14 10-Q revealed for the first time that Impax received a subpoena form the CT Attorney General's office, stating in relevant part:

Attorney General of the State of Connecticut Interrogatories and Subpoena Duces Tecum

On July 14, 2014, the Company received a subpoena and interrogatories (the "Subpoena") from the State of Connecticut Attorney General ("Connecticut AG") concerning its investigation into sales of the Company's generic product, digoxin. According to the Connecticut AG, the investigation is to determine whether anyone engaged in a contract, combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce which has the effect of (i) fixing, controlling or maintaining prices or (ii) allocating or dividing customers or territories relating to the sale of digoxin in violation of Connecticut state antitrust law. The Company intends to cooperate with the Connecticut AG in producing documents and information in response to the Subpoena. To the knowledge of the Company, no proceedings by the Connecticut AG have been initiated against the Company at this time, however no assurance can be given as to the timing or outcome of this investigation.

- 21. On this news, shares of Impax securities declined \$0.46 per share or over 1.8% from its previous closing price to close at \$23.60 per share on August 7, 2014, damaging investors.
- 22. On February 26, 2015, the Company filed a Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 (the "2014 10-K") with the SEC which provided the Company's year-end financial results and stated that the Company's internal control over financial reporting were effective as of December 31, 2014. The 2014 10-K was signed by Defendants Wilkinson and Reasons.
- 23. The 2014 10-K also contained signed SOX certifications by Defendants Wilkinson and Reasons attesting the accuracy of financial reporting, the disclosure of any material changes to the Company's internal control over financial reporting, and the disclosure of all fraud.
- 24. The 2013 10-K discussed Impax's competition and marketing, stating in relevant part:

# Competition

The pharmaceutical industry is highly competitive and is affected by new technologies, new developments, government regulations, health care legislation, availability of financing, and other factors. Many of our competitors have longer operating histories and substantially greater financial, research and development, marketing, and other resources than we have. We compete with numerous other companies that currently operate, or intend to operate, in the pharmaceutical industry, including companies that are engaged in the development of controlled-release drug delivery technologies and products, and other manufacturers that may decide to undertake development of such products. Our principal competitors in the generic pharmaceutical products market are Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Actavis plc., Mylan Inc., Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd., Lannett Company, Inc., Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc. and Sandoz.

Due to our focus on relatively hard to replicate controlled-release products, competition in the generic pharmaceutical market is sometimes limited to those competitors who possess the appropriate drug delivery technology. The principal competitive factors in the generic pharmaceutical market are:

- the ability to introduce generic versions of products promptly after a patent expires;
- price;

- product quality;
- customer service (including maintenance of inventories for timely delivery); and
- the ability to identify and market niche products.

In the brand-name pharmaceutical market, we market Impax-labeled branded Zomig® products pursuant to the AZ Agreement. We received approval from the FDA on January 7, 2015 to market and sell RYTARY<sup>TM</sup>, our first internally developed branded pharmaceutical product for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, and we currently plan to fully launch our sales and marketing efforts for the product in early April 2015. We currently expect our principal competitors in the branded pharmaceutical products market to include pharmaceutical companies that are focused on Parkinson's disease and other CNS disorders.

A description of the competition we face from brand-name and generic pharmaceutical companies is included in "Item 1A. Risk Factors".

## Sales and Marketing

We market and sell our generic pharmaceutical prescription drug products within the continental United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. We have not made sales in any other jurisdictions over the last three fiscal years. We derive a substantial portion of our revenue from sales to a limited number of customers. The customer base for our products consists primarily of drug wholesalers, warehousing chain drug stores, mass merchandisers, and mail-order pharmacies. We market our products both directly, through our Global Division, and indirectly through our Rx Partner and OTC Partner alliance and collaboration agreements. Together, our five major customers, McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Amerisource-Bergen, CVS Caremark Corporation and Wal-Mart Stores, accounted for 80% of our gross revenue for the year ended December 31, 2014. These five customers individually accounted for 36%, 20%, 19%, 3% and 2%, respectively, of our gross revenue for the year ended December 31, 2014. We do not have long-term contracts in effect with our five major customers. A reduction in or loss of business with any one of these customers, or any failure of a customer to pay us on a timely basis, would adversely affect our business.

25. On February 22, 2016, the Company filed a Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (the "2015 10-k") with the SEC which provided the Company's year-end financial results and stated that the Company's internal control over financial reporting were effective as of December 31, 2015. The 2015 10-k was signed by Defendants Wilkinson and Reasons.

- 26. The 2015 10-K also contained SOX certifications signed by Defendants Wilkinson and Reasons attesting the accuracy of financial reporting, the disclosure of any material changes to the Company's internal control over financial reporting, and the disclosure of all fraud.
- 27. The 2013 10-K discussed Impax's competition and marketing, stating in relevant part:

## Competition

The pharmaceutical industry is highly competitive and is affected by new technologies, new developments, government regulations, health care legislation, availability of financing, and other factors. Many of our competitors have longer operating histories and substantially greater financial, research and development, marketing, and other resources than we have. We compete with numerous other companies that currently operate, or intend to operate, in the pharmaceutical industry, including companies that are engaged in the development of controlled-release drug delivery technologies and products, and other manufacturers that may decide to undertake development of such products. Our principal competitors in the generic pharmaceutical products market are Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Inc., Mylan N.V., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Lannett Company, Inc., Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Endo International plc and Sandoz.

Due to our focus on relatively hard to replicate controlled-release products, competition in the generic pharmaceutical market is sometimes limited to those competitors who possess the appropriate drug delivery technology. The principal competitive factors in the generic pharmaceutical market are:

- the ability to introduce generic versions of products promptly after a patent expires;
- price;
- product quality;
- customer service (including maintenance of inventories for timely delivery); and
- the ability to identify and market niche products.

In the brand-name pharmaceutical market, our principal competitors are pharmaceutical companies that are focused on Parkinson's disease and other CNS disorders. In addition, with respect to products that we are developing internally and/or any additional products we may in-license from third parties, we expect that we will face increased competition from large pharmaceutical companies, drug delivery companies and other specialty pharmaceutical companies that have focused on the same disorders as our branded products.

A description of the competition we face from brand-name and generic pharmaceutical companies is included in "Item 1A. Risk Factors".

### Sales and Marketing

We market and sell our generic pharmaceutical prescription drug products within the continental United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. We have not made sales in any other jurisdictions over the last three fiscal years. We derive a substantial portion of our revenue from sales to a limited number of customers. The customer base for our products consists primarily of drug wholesalers, warehousing chain drug stores, mass merchandisers, and mail-order pharmacies. We market our products both directly, through our Impax Generics and Impax Specialty Pharma divisions, and indirectly through our Rx Partner and OTC Partner alliance and collaboration agreements. Together, our five major customers, McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Amerisource-Bergen, CVS Caremark Corporation and N.C. Mutual, accounted for 89% of our gross revenue for the year ended December 31, 2015. These five customers individually accounted for 46%, 22%, 19%, 1% and 1%, respectively, of our total gross revenue for the year ended December 31, 2015. We do not have long-term contracts in effect with our five major customers. A reduction in or loss of business with any one of these customers, or any failure of a customer to pay us on a timely basis, would adversely affect our business.

28. The statements referenced in ¶¶ 20-27 above were materially false and/or misleading because they misrepresented and failed to disclose the following adverse facts pertaining to the Company's business, operational and financial results, which were known to Defendants or recklessly disregarded by them. Specifically, Defendants made false and/or misleading statements and/or failed to disclose that: (1) Impax was engaging and/or had engaged in conduct that would cause the antitrust division of the DOJ and the CT Attorney General to conduct extensive investigations of possible collusion of generic drug pricing; (2) Impax received two subpoenas – one from the DOJ and another from the CT Attorney General – which sought documents relating to violations of the federal and state antitrust laws; (3) the DOJ investigation and the underlying conduct was likely to result in criminal charges against Impax, and possibly its officers and directors, for collusion of generic drug pricing; (4) Impax lacked effective internal controls over financial reporting; and (5) as a result, Defendants' public statements were materially false and misleading at all relevant times.

29. On November 3, 2016, *Bloomberg* published the article "U.S. Charges in Generic-Drug Probe to Be Filed by Year End" which discussed the DOJ's two year investigation about suspected price collusion by several pharmaceutical companies, including Impax, which will likely result in prosecutors filing criminal charges by the end of the year, as well as the CT Attorney General's investigation, stating in part:

U.S. prosecutors are bearing down on generic pharmaceutical companies in a sweeping criminal investigation into suspected price collusion, a fresh challenge for an industry that's already reeling from public outrage over the spiraling costs of some medicines.

The antitrust investigation by the Justice Department, begun about two years ago, now spans more than a dozen companies and about two dozen drugs, according to people familiar with the matter. The grand jury probe is examining whether some executives agreed with one another to raise prices, and the first charges could emerge by the end of the year, they said.

Though individual companies have made various disclosures about the inquiry, they have identified only a handful of drugs under scrutiny, including a heart treatment and an antibiotic. *Among the drugmakers to have received subpoenas are industry giants* Mylan NV and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. Other companies include Actavis, which Teva bought from Allergan Plc in August, Lannett Co., *Impax Laboratories Inc.*, Covis Pharma Holdings Sarl, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Mayne Pharma Group Ltd., Endo International Plc's subsidiary Par Pharmaceutical Holdings and Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

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Although it isn't illegal for companies to raise prices at the same time, it's against the law for competitors to agree to set prices or coordinate on discounts, production quotas or fees that affect prices. The federal government can prosecute companies for collusion and seek penalties and potentially send executives to jail.

Charges could extend to high-level executives, according to the people. The antitrust division, which has an immunity program to motivate wrongdoers to confess and inform on others, has stepped up its commitment to holding individuals responsible.

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Generic drug companies are also contending with a civil price-fixing investigation by Connecticut Attorney General George Jepsen. Jepsen is seeking to lead a group of states to probe the industry, which could result in

cases seeking damages, according to people familiar with the matter. A spokesman for the Connecticut Attorney General's office declined to comment.

The first subpoenas in the generics investigation were issued by Connecticut in July 2014, while the Justice Department followed in November, according to regulatory filings by the companies. The investigations initially focused on mid-sized U.S. companies and have since extended to the biggest manufacturers and U.S. subsidiaries of overseas companies.

(Emphasis added).

- 30. On this news, shares of the Company fell \$4.00 per share or over 19.5% from its previous closing price to close at \$16.50 per share on November 3, 2016, damaging investors.
- 31. As a result of Defendants' wrongful acts and omissions, and the precipitous decline in the market value of the Company's common shares, Plaintiff and other Class members have suffered significant losses and damages.

#### PLAINTIFF'S CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 32. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of a Class, consisting of all those who purchased or otherwise acquired Impax securities traded on the NASDAQ during the Class Period (the "Class"); and were damaged upon the revelation of the alleged corrective disclosures. Excluded from the Class are Defendants herein, the officers and directors of the Company, at all relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest.
- 33. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, Impax securities were actively traded on the NASDAQ. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can be ascertained only through appropriate discovery, Plaintiff believes that there are hundreds or thousands of members in the proposed Class. Record owners and other members of the Class may be identified from records maintained by the Company or its transfer agent and may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail, using the form of notice similar to that customarily used in securities class actions.

- 34. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class as all members of the Class are similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct in violation of federal law that is complained of herein.
- 35. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the Class and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class and securities litigation. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to or in conflict with those of the Class.
- 36. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the Class. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:
  - whether the federal securities laws were violated by Defendants' acts as alleged herein;
  - whether statements made by Defendants to the investing public during the Class
     Period misrepresented material facts about the financial condition, business,
     operations, and management of the Company;
  - whether Defendants' public statements to the investing public during the Class
     Period omitted material facts necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
  - whether the Individual Defendants caused the Company to issue false and misleading SEC filings and public statements during the Class Period;
  - whether Defendants acted knowingly or recklessly in issuing false and misleading
     SEC filings and public statements during the Class Period;
  - whether the prices of Impax securities during the Class Period were artificially inflated because of the Defendants' conduct complained of herein; and
  - whether the members of the Class have sustained damages and, if so, what is the proper measure of damages.
- 37. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is impracticable. Furthermore, as the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively small, the expense and

burden of individual litigation make it impossible for members of the Class to individually redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

- 38. Plaintiff will rely, in part, upon the presumption of reliance established by the fraud-on-the-market doctrine in that:
  - Defendants made public misrepresentations or failed to disclose material facts during the Class Period;
  - the omissions and misrepresentations were material;
  - Impax securities are traded in efficient markets;
  - the Company's shares were liquid and traded with moderate to heavy volume during the Class Period;
  - the Company traded on the NASDAQ, and was covered by multiple analysts;
  - the misrepresentations and omissions alleged would tend to induce a reasonable investor to misjudge the value of the Company's common shares; and
  - Plaintiff and members of the Class purchased and/or sold Impax securities between the time the Defendants failed to disclose or misrepresented material facts and the time the true facts were disclosed, without knowledge of the omitted or misrepresented facts.
- 39. Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to a presumption of reliance upon the integrity of the market.
- 40. Alternatively, Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to the presumption of reliance established by the Supreme Court in *Affiliated Ute Citizens of the State of Utah v. United States*, 406 U.S. 128, 92 S. Ct. 2430 (1972), as Defendants omitted material information in their Class Period statements in violation of a duty to disclose such information, as detailed above.

# **COUNT I**

# Violation of Section 10(b) of The Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Against All Defendants

- 41. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 42. This Count is asserted against the Company and the Individual Defendants and is based upon Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC.
- 43. During the Class Period, the Company and the Individual Defendants, individually and in concert, directly or indirectly, disseminated or approved the false statements specified above, which they knew or deliberately disregarded were misleading in that they contained misrepresentations and failed to disclose material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- 44. The Company and the Individual Defendants violated §10(b) of the 1934 Act and Rule 10b-5 in that they:
  - employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud;
  - made untrue statements of material facts or omitted to state material facts
    necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances
    under which they were made, not misleading; or
  - engaged in acts, practices and a course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon plaintiff and others similarly situated in connection with their purchases of Impax securities during the Class Period.
- 45. The Company and the Individual Defendants acted with scienter in that they knew that the public documents and statements issued or disseminated in the name of the Company were materially false and misleading; knew that such statements or documents would be issued or disseminated to the investing public; and knowingly and substantially participated, or acquiesced in the issuance or dissemination of such statements or documents as primary violations of the securities laws. These defendants by virtue of their receipt of information

reflecting the true facts of the Company, their control over, and/or receipt and/or modification of the Company's allegedly materially misleading statements, and/or their associations with the Company which made them privy to confidential proprietary information concerning the Company, participated in the fraudulent scheme alleged herein.

- 46. Individual Defendants, who are the senior officers and/or directors of the Company, had actual knowledge of the material omissions and/or the falsity of the material statements set forth above, and intended to deceive Plaintiff and the other members of the Class, or, in the alternative, acted with reckless disregard for the truth when they failed to ascertain and disclose the true facts in the statements made by them or other personnel of the Company to members of the investing public, including Plaintiff and the Class.
- 47. As a result of the foregoing, the market price of Impax securities was artificially inflated during the Class Period. In ignorance of the falsity of the Company's and the Individual Defendants' statements, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class relied on the statements described above and/or the integrity of the market price of Impax securities during the Class Period in purchasing Impax securities at prices that were artificially inflated as a result of the Company's and the Individual Defendants' false and misleading statements.
- 48. Had Plaintiff and the other members of the Class been aware that the market price of Impax securities had been artificially and falsely inflated by the Company's and the Individual Defendants' misleading statements and by the material adverse information which the Company's and the Individual Defendants did not disclose, they would not have purchased Impax securities at the artificially inflated prices that they did, or at all.
- 49. As a result of the wrongful conduct alleged herein, Plaintiff and other members of the Class have suffered damages in an amount to be established at trial.
- 50. By reason of the foregoing, the Company and the Individual Defendants have violated Section 10(b) of the 1934 Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder and are liable to the plaintiff and the other members of the Class for substantial damages which they suffered in connection with their purchase of Impax securities during the Class Period.

#### **COUNT II**

# Violation of Section 20(a) of The Exchange Act Against The Individual Defendants

- 51. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 52. During the Class Period, the Individual Defendants participated in the operation and management of the Company, and conducted and participated, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the Company's business affairs. Because of their senior positions, they knew the adverse non-public information regarding the Company's business practices.
- 53. As officers and/or directors of a publicly owned company, the Individual Defendants had a duty to disseminate accurate and truthful information with respect to the Company's financial condition and results of operations, and to correct promptly any public statements issued by the Company which had become materially false or misleading.
- 54. Because of their positions of control and authority as senior officers, the Individual Defendants were able to, and did, control the contents of the various reports, press releases and public filings which the Company disseminated in the marketplace during the Class Period. Throughout the Class Period, the Individual Defendants exercised their power and authority to cause the Company to engage in the wrongful acts complained of herein. The Individual Defendants therefore, were "controlling persons" of the Company within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. In this capacity, they participated in the unlawful conduct alleged which artificially inflated the market price of Impax securities.
- 55. Each of the Individual Defendants, therefore, acted as a controlling person of the Company. By reason of their senior management positions and/or being directors of the Company, each of the Individual Defendants had the power to direct the actions of, and exercised the same to cause, the Company to engage in the unlawful acts and conduct complained of herein. Each of the Individual Defendants exercised control over the general operations of the Company and possessed the power to control the specific activities which

comprise the primary violations about which Plaintiff and the other members of the Class

complain.

56. By reason of the above conduct, the Individual Defendants are liable pursuant to

Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act for the violations committed by the Company.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants as follows:

A. Determining that the instant action may be maintained as a class action under

Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and certifying Plaintiff as the Class

representative;

Requiring Defendants to pay damages sustained by Plaintiff and the Class by В.

reason of the acts and transactions alleged herein;

C. Awarding Plaintiff and the other members of the Class prejudgment and post-

judgment interest, as well as their reasonable attorneys' fees, expert fees and other costs; and

D. Awarding such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

#### **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

Dated: November 10, 2016 Respectfully submitted,

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